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SUBJECT: ASMARA WATER SUPPLY CONTAMINATED

1. ON JULY 28 VILLAGERS FROM DAHRO CAULOS RAIDED A MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE STOREHOUSE IN THE VICINITY OF THE ASMARA MUNICIPAL RESERVOIR AT ABARDA, 30 KM. SOUTHWEST OF ASMARA. IN ADDITION TO STEALING THE ROOFING AND DOORS, THEY EMPTIED 100 50-GAL. BARRELS OF A LOCUST-CONTROL INSECTICIDE CALLED MELATINE IN ORDER TO USE THE CONTAINERS. ALTHOUGH THE STOREHOUSE IS AN ESTIMATED 3 KM. FROM THE RESERVOIR, IT IS BELIEVED THAT SOME OF THE INSECTICIDE MAY HAVE DRAINED INTO THE CITY WATER SUPPLY. THE ABARDA RESERVOIR IS THE LARGEST OF THREE THAT SERVE ASMARA.

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2. THE INCIDENT WAS REPORTED ON JULY 29, AND THE CITY SUSPENDED

PUMPING WATER FROM THAT RESERVOIR THAT EVENING, AND STOPPED
DISTRIBUTION OF WATER THROUGHOUT ASMARA ON THE MORNING OF JULY 30.
SAMPLES OF CITY WATER AND WATER FROM THE ABARDA RESERVOIR ARE
BEING FORWARDED TO ADDIS VIA EAL JULY 31. IF IT IS FOUND THAT
THE QUANTITIES OF INSECTICIDE ARE HARMLESS, WATER SERVICE SHOULD
RESUME THAT EVENING.
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